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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 15, 2006 in connection with the above-identified patent application and pursuant to a telephone interview with the Examiner, please consider the following remarks.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**REMARKS**

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.